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Colonel Watson Safely Overseas

Col. Clarence W. Watson, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, has arrived safely overseas according to information received in this city yesterday.

Col. Watson, who was sent to France by Secretary Baker on a mission connected with the Ordnance Department, sailed from an Atlantic port on September 14. The duration of his stay in France is not known and it is not believed he will return until late in the winter.—Fairmont, Sept. 30.

FROM SOLDIERS

September 27, 1918.

Editor Times: I will give you a few items from this place; hope you will find space in your valuable paper. The health of this camp is very bad at present. They are taking boys to the hospital night and day. A new disease called Spanish influenza is raging. They took about thirty-one out of my company in one day and are still taking them out.

We are billed to go to Sunny France the 12th of October, but don't think we will go now.

Everybody seems to be in good spirits here. We have some fine times while we have it not so good at times.

There is talk of the war coming to an end soon. I think the old Kaiser will have to hand in his checks soon and call it a bad job, for they cannot stand the Sammie's cold steel.

They are drilling us very hard now—about eight hours a day. The army is the place to make a man; the only thing that bothers me is to be tied down. We haven't very much freedom, although we have several things

for amusement, and they do all they can to cheer the boys. Lots of girls come to camp to see the the boys, but I haven't spoken to one yet. I often think of old W. Va. and friends. A West Virginian looks good to me. Mr. Stokes from Durbin came to see me last Sunday. I was very glad to see him.

The weather is getting cool here. The boys shiver around in the mornings but soon get warm on the drill field. We have a street car line from camp to Washington and Baltimore. They give passes for as much as 36 hours and the boys can go to those places but I haven't got a pass yet. Thought I would wait and get a big pass. Well as news are scarce will close by wishing you and my friends the best of good luck.

Private Clifton L. Hill,
Co. K. 72 Inf. Camp Mead, Md.

September 26, 1918.

Editor Times: I will try and write you a few lines. It is right cold here now. This leaves me well and getting along all right. I have been transferred to the infantry since I wrote the last time. We are going on target prac-

tice this week and on the range next week.

All of my West Virginia friends have gone from this camp. We have all kinds of music and musical instruments here to cheer us up. A string band is going by now. I am getting along all right and I hope that every one is well in old Pocahontas. It has been pretty cold here for some time and it looks like rain tonight. It is some sight to see all of us out on the drill field. I don't know just how many are here but it looks like there are enough to lick the Kaiser all right. Well I will close for this time and will come again.

Henry M. Gilmore,
Co. K. 72 Inf. Camp Mead, Md.

September 1, 1918.

Miss Stella Dilley,
Huntersville, W. Va.

My Dear Niece: This is Sunday morning, and I will try and write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and getting along all right, and I hope when these few lines reaches you they will find you all the same and getting along good.

I landed all O. K. Enjoyed my trip over very well. I have written back since I came over. Guess you have probably gotten my mail by this time.

This is a very pretty country over here, but I don't like it very much as it does not come up with the good old U. S. A., for that is the only place that looks good to me, and I hope to get back very soon. But we will have to see the Huns before we return. I don't know how long that will be; we cannot tell when the job will be finished. I hope it will not be as long as it has been.

I would love to see you all and the home folks. We have been moved several times since coming here. My company was split up—some sent one place and some another. I don't know where Joe Fertig is; we have been separated. I am near the place called L. C. Mons. If you look on the map you will have some idea where I am.

There are lots of girls here, but they don't look like the West Virginia girls to me, and never will. There are some good looking ones, but I can't understand anything they say.

Give my love to Silva and Goldie. Tell your papa to have the Ford just right and when I return we will take a spin, also tell him to be good and not work too hard. I guess he got my letter and card I sent him when I was on the boat. I wrote father yesterday, but when you get this letter give the home folks my love and tell them not to be uneasy about me. I may be at this place for a month or so. My address is changed and I don't know if my mail will come to me or not. I hope so at least, but I expect it will be a long time before I get any mail from you all. I expect I will be trying to get me a Hun soon. The sooner we get them licked the sooner we will get back home. I trust it will not be very long until we can all return.

Well I cannot think of anything more to write for this time. So be good, one and all, is my prayer. I am trusting in my Savior and He will guide me safely through. May God be with you one and all until we meet again. write soon.

I am, sincerely your uncle,
Private Everette A. Dilley,
Co. I. 330th Inf. No. 762, A. E. F.

Dear Editor and Boys of Pocahontas:—I thought I would write you a few lines and tell you what I think of camp life. It is altogether different from civilian life; I think I will learn to like it. The drilling is real hard but I suppose that is the quickest way to give Kaiser Bill his satisfaction.

There is a good deal of sickness here and several deaths. Five Pocahontas boys, who came here with me have died. Clarence Weiford, Albert Fertig and myself are bunkies, and believe me we have quite a time. We get plenty to eat and everything has to come right up to now. I wish Billy Arbogast was here, but we have no saws to file so I don't suppose he will come. I think I can help finish the job for Woodrow and get back in time to help Ben C. finish. It seems as if we are gaining ground. Cheer up boys, and come on. Uncle Sam will find plenty for you to do. Albert Fertig is room orderly today and he is having a time to get the boys to keep things in place. All do lots of things that seem foolish but I suppose it is for a purpose.

We have been under quarantine ever since I have been here for the Spanish influenza. I hope it will

soon be broken up and the quarantine will be lifted.

I will go on rifle range tomorrow and will have to get my rifle in good order for shooting, so will close.

Brown Miller,
Co. E. 11, Bat., Reg. 3 Tr. Camp,
Oct. 6, 1918.

Camp Lee, Va.
October 6, 1918.

Dear Mother: I'm sure feeling fine this morning over the good news of last night. We all turned out at 2:15 a. m. and marched all over town. Then this morning we had a funeral march for the Kaiser with about two thousand soldiers in it. There were several thousand people out to see us. The Detachment sure is full of life this morning.

I am driving the big Liberty truck now and have been for a week and like it fine. It is about two times as big as the county trucks they have in Marlinton—the ones they use to make roads with.

I received the P. O. all O. K. and I will have to order the picture from Detroit and then send it to you all. Did you get the picture of the Detachment I sent? You may send me the watch and other things and be sure we have them registered and insured so so I will get them before it is all over. I am sure I will be here two or three weeks yet, and two to one all year.

When have you had a letter from George? Give my love to all and tell them that I will eat Xmas dinner in Marlinton, or at Mrs. T's. Tell Glen and Anna to write. Love to all.

J. Herbert Vaughan,
Co. G. Training Detachment,
Valparaiso, Indiana.

MRS. MATTIE ELIZABETH RUCKMAN

After a long illness Mrs. Ruckman passed away early Tuesday morning, September 24, 1918, rather suddenly but not unexpectedly. A fatal disease of the heart had been for months taking the strength. For sometime she had been confined to her home.

Mattie Elizabeth Patton, the daughter of Alexander and Nancy Patton, was born in the Little Levels August 8, 1851. On January 28, 1879, she was united in marriage to the late W. W. Ruckman. To this union were born three children, all of whom are living. In 1886 Mrs. Ruckman united by letter with Oak Grove Church, her husband coming in on profession of faith, and from that time forth proved a most loyal member. Indeed her present pastor has always felt that the keynote of her life has been loyalty to her pastors and her church, and this was attested to the limit of her ability. Being situated so that she could not attend the services of the church at Hillsboro, she was always a faithful attendant at the outpost appointment. As long as her health permitted she was, whenever possible, in her place among the people of God.

Her home always afforded a cheerful and hearty greeting to the preacher and in the years that the present pastor has been here he has, in the ministry of comfort to the sick, had occasion very often to test its hospitality. He desires to express his deep sense of loss and his gratitude for the loyalty that was so constantly shown him by this friend who will greet him no more on earth. It is a pity that so often words of appreciation for the friendships of earth must wait till eyes are closed to the faces of dear ones and ears deaf to their voices, to be spoken. But will they not know? We hope they may.

But while we here today pay this tribute of respect to our departed friend let us turn our thoughts to the comforts of God's truth and of our faith. It is not an occasion of unalloyed grief and hopeless despair that has brought us together, rather a feeling of subdued comfort that the long fought battle is finished and the victory is won. Faith assures us that the believer at his death enters upon the greatest blessing. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." They now enjoy personal contact with Jesus their Savior with the full fruition of all their hopes and the unshaken consciousness of eternal safety. This condition is the ultimate object of every hope that the christian entertains and surely we cannot wish it otherwise when they enter upon it.

Mrs. Ruckman was preceded to the grave several years by her husband. A large number of warm friends will sympathize with her children in their grief and loneliness.

J. C. J.

THELMA YOUNG
The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Young, of Clover Lick, were greatly shocked by the sad news of the death of their daughter Thelma

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

By County Agent, Burt Johnson.

The School and Farm Product Exhibit has been postponed on account of influenza. The exhibit will be held later on. People who have their product ready, save them.

Farmers, do you remember what a problem it was to get seed corn last spring. Are you going to let the same thing occur next year? If you do you are aiding the Kaiser. Select your seed corn before it freezes and be sure to hang it where it will dry. Hang it by the stove until it is thoroughly dry. Select enough for two years' planting.

CLUB NOTES.

Due to the epidemic of influenza there will be no club exhibit in the Little Levels district this year. However club members must finish up their work, that is complete your record and booklet. Prizes will be given just the same as if we had an exhibit. Members will be graded on record, booklet and yield, so get every thing in shape and see that your records and booklets are turned over to the district agent just as soon as possible.

on the night of October 4th, 1918, aged 15 years and five months, caused by influenza and complications.

Thelma was a student at the Marlinton high school, going in each morning from her home at Clover Lick. She attended school as usual on Thursday, but on Friday morning was not feeling well and did not go. In the afternoon she grew worse and medical aid was summoned, but to no avail, the fever grew more and intense, until she was relieved by the Great Physician who took her to himself about midnight.

A young life is taken from our midst that will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Having accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior some three years ago, she lived the life He would have her live. Always faithful at the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and church service, playing the organ and doing active service whenever called upon. The high esteem in which she was held was attested to by the many friends who attended the funeral services at the home, conducted by O. N. Miles. After the services at the home the body was taken to Hillsboro for interment where Rev. J. C. Johnson concluded the services at the grave.

Mr. and Mrs. Young wish to thank their many friends at Clover Lick and at Hillsboro for their kindness and help in their hour of trouble.

A Friend,

Mrs. J. W. JACKSON.

Mrs. Mary Jackson, wife of J. W. Jackson, died at her home at Frost on Thursday October 3, 1918, after a long illness of heart trouble, aged 52 years. Burial at the Frost grave yard on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Jackson was a daughter of Lewis Simmons. She is survived by her father and a number of brothers and sisters, among whom are L. O. Simmons, Miss Fannie Simmons and Mrs. Sterling Yeager, of Marlinton. Mrs. Jackson was a good, useful woman, a professing christian and a member of the Methodist Church.

A large crowd attended the burial of Private Earl Gilmore at the Cloonan graveyard Sunday afternoon. This young soldier died at Camp Lee of pneumonia following an attack of influenza, after an illness of but a few days. He was a fine young man. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gilmore, and his wife, a bride of but a few months.

Word was received on Sunday of the death of James Paris, which occurred at his home in Hagerstown, Maryland.

A. N. Taylor has received word that his grandson, Elbert Gum, has been killed in battle in France. The young soldier was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Early Gum, and went out from Highland county.

Archie Wanless died at Cumberland on Sunday from influenza. Burial at Cumberland on Tuesday. His sister is Mrs. E. M. Johnson, of Marlinton.

Local Weather Observer S. L. Brown reports as follows for the month of September: Hottest 76 degrees on the 4th; coldest 28 degrees on the 22nd and 28th, when the two killing frosts of the month happened. Rain fell on 7 days and there was a total fall of 4.73 inches; 2.60 inches fell on the 18th. There were 8 clear days; 14 partly cloudy and 8 cloudy.



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C. J. RICHARDSON

Marlinton

West Virginia

INFLUENZA

Spanish influenza prevails in Pocahontas, and the Board of Health has made all proper precautionary orders, in accordance with the following order by the State Board—

"To Local Health Boards:—You are hereby instructed that owing to a very wide prevalence of influenza in a virulent form, this Department hereby issues instructions requiring all cases of the disease to be reported promptly and quarantined until entirely well. Local health officers are required, when an outbreak occurs in a community, to close all theaters, poolrooms, soft drink places, schools, churches and Sunday Schools. All public meetings must also be abandoned."

The greatest danger is from pneumonia, which seems to come from the least bit of exposure. Keep out of a crowd—that's where you get it and give it. Go to bed, send for the doctor and follow his directions.

The Cattle Show and the Farm Exhibit have been indefinitely postponed. The schools are closed for one month, at least.

To whom it may concern:—Please do not hold any cattle for me, as I am serving the U. S. A., as a U. S. Inspector at Eddystone. C. B. STINE,
Philadelphia, Pa.
6523 Woodland Ave.

FOR SALE—1 acre lot, house, barn and outbuildings in town of Hillsboro, early possible. Price right for quick sale.
I. E. SMITH,
Hillsboro, W. Va.

THE LIBERTY LOAN

The quota of the Fourth Liberty Loan for Pocahontas is \$340,000, apportioned to the districts according to the assessed valuation—

Greenbank	\$114,044.00
Edray	115,103.00
Levels	73,097.00
Huntersville	37,756.00

Subscriptions for first week reported by District Chairmen—

J. W. Goodsell, no report	
J. H. Buzzard, no report	
J. K. Marshall, \$2,200	
Hubert Echols, \$3,200 for Greenbank, \$22,400 for Edray, \$450 for Huntersville, \$2,500 for Levels.	
Total for County, \$30,750.	

What in the world is the matter with the good people of Pocahontas? Are going to be fooled by the supposed peace terms, and fail in this loan? This would bring new hope to the Germans and prolong the war. Our boys in France are not halting, and we must not let the word go to them that we have failed. The money we asked to lend our Government has already been appropriated and must be had to pay our debts even if the war should end today. Will you let yourselves be assessed for money to complete the war?

Community chairmen, district chairmen, citizens, awake and let us go forward, although handicapped by the epidemic, and raise this loan and save our county from disgrace.
J. A. Sydenstricker, Chairman.

The Bank of Marlinton gives notice that are a number of Third Liberty Loan Bonds there which the subscribers can take up.

OUR DOLLARS ARE CALLED TO THE COLORS

Fourth Liberty Loan

Our Terms of Peace are written so clearly that all the world can see. There is no thought of conquest; only the demand of freemen that for us and all—the world shall be free.

The United States is to show the world that America, in Liberty's cause, responds more freely to each call of the war.

And let us also show our country that Pocahontas County is in the forefront. Let each subscribe to a Fourth Liberty Bond—the biggest one we can.

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First National Bank

Marlinton, W. Va.

This Agency

feels compelled, from a sense of duty to its policy holders, to call attention to the increased cost of replacing property destroyed by fire, whether real or personal.

Have you considered that it will perhaps cost from 25 to 50 percent. more to replace your building, furniture and other property, and if so, have you taken out a sufficient amount of additional insurance to protect this increased value? Many of our policy holders, have done so, but if you have not given the matter consideration, you will undoubtedly be glad to have it called to your attention.

HUNTER & ECHOLS INSURANCE AGENCY INC'
F. M. SYDNOR, MANAGER

Marlinton,

West Virginia.